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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7365

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TAGS: OREP, CVIS, SREF, CI

SUBJECT: CODEL MOFFETT: INTEREST IN JOSE VARGAS NIELLO

REF: A) STATE 43095, B) SANTIAGO 641

1. CONGRESSMAN HARKIN HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING CONTACT WITH JOSE VARGAS NIELLO (REF A). VARGAS CURRENTLY DETAINED IN SOUTH CENTRAL CHILE. HIS APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN PAROLE PROGRAM SENT TO DEPARTMENT JAN 22 WITH FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION (REF B).
2. CHILEAN SECURITY FORCES DETAINED VARGAS DEC 24, 1973. HE HAD BEEN HIGHLY VISIBLE MAPU ORGANIZER IN PUERTO MONTT REGION, ACTIVE IN TRAINING LOCAL FARMERS FOR PURPOSE, ACCORDING TO VARGAS, OF FENDING OFF ATTACKS FROM RIGHTISTS. COURT MARTIAL SENTENCED HIM TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS IN PRISON FOR VIOLATION OF ARMS CONTROL LAW. HE IS SERVING TIME IN PUERTO MONTT, SOME 700 MILES SOUTH OF SANTIAGO.
3. ICEM REPORTS THAT ON FEB 25 IT RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION FROM VALDIVIA, WHERE OTHER CHARGES HAD BEEN PENDING AGAINST VARGAS, WHICH SHOULD CLEAR WAY FOR HIS EXILE DECREE.
4. WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO CODEL WISHES BUT NOTE THAT TRIP TO PUERTO MONTT, EVEN VIA CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, WOULD TAKE FULL DAY AT BEST. EMBASSY COULD ASK MRS. VARGAS IF SHE WOULD BE PREPARED TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO TO MEET WITH CODEL (ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE TO HER).

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FINALLY, EMBASSY COULD ATTEMPT ARRANGE FOR CODEL TO PLACE

TELEPHONE CALL TO VARGAS AT PUERTO MONTT (THROUGH AUSPICES OF ICEM). THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO GUARANTEE CALL WOULD GET THROUGH ALTHOUGH NORMALLY TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH PRISONERS IS POSSIBLE. CALL WOULD CERTAINLY BE MONITORED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM CODEL OF VARGAS' SITUATION AND DETERMINE PREFERENCES.  
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